

Michigan urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to explore and support policies that will lead to the establishment of facilities within the United States for the reprocessing and recycling of spent nuclear fuel; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 220

Whereas, The federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 called for the United States Department of Energy to begin collecting spent nuclear waste and develop a long-term plan for storage of the material. In 2002, Congress approved Yucca Mountain in Nevada as the location to allow the Department of Energy to establish a safe repository for high-level spent nuclear waste; and

Whereas, In 2010, the Department of Energy halted the project at Yucca Mountain when the construction authorization process was in progress, despite the Nuclear Waste Fund receiving more than \$30 billion in revenue from electric customers throughout the United States in order to construct the facility and store the spent fuel; and

Whereas, The Argonne National Laboratory has developed a high-temperature method of recycling spent nuclear waste into fuel, known as pyrochemical processing. This process allows 100 times more of the energy in uranium ore to be used to produce electricity compared to current commercial reactors; and

Whereas, Extending the productive life of uranium ore through pyrochemical processing ensures almost inexhaustible supplies of low-cost uranium resources for the generation of electricity, minimizes the risk that used fuel could be stolen and used to produce weapons, and reduces the amount of nuclear waste and the time it must be isolated by almost 1,000 times; and

Whereas, Advanced non-light water reactors currently under development in the United States and internationally have the potential to utilize used fuel from existing reactors as fuel, but according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, there are no reprocessing facilities currently operating within the United States; and

Whereas, The federal government's inability to adequately store or reprocess almost 100,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel has adversely affected the residents of the state of Michigan. Michigan has paid more than \$800 million into the Nuclear Waste Fund since 1983, but the federal government has failed to use it to permanently store nuclear waste in a way that serves the public: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the President and Congress of the United States to explore and support policies that will lead to the establishment of facilities within the United States for the reprocessing and recycling of spent nuclear fuel; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-139. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico supporting the passage of the Diné College Act of 2015; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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Whereas, the State of New Mexico and the Navajo Nation maintain a government-to-government relationship, and the Navajo people residing in the State are citizens of both New Mexico and the Navajo Nation; and

Whereas, in 1968, the Navajo Nation established Navajo Community College, which later became Diné College, to provide access

to higher education to the Navajo people; and

Whereas, Diné College's New Mexico Flagship Campus is located in Shiprock, and there is a Community Campus Center in Crownpoint; and

Whereas, Diné College has dual credit agreements with school districts and schools in New Mexico, including the Central Consolidated School District, Gallup-McKinley County School District, Magdalena Municipal School District, Navajo Preparatory School, Shiprock Alternative School, Inc., Wingate High School and the Alamo Navajo Community School; and

Whereas, the State of New Mexico provides support to Diné College through its Higher Education Department by way of higher education capital outlay projects, the tribal college dual credit funding program and high school equivalency credential program grants; and

Whereas, the United States Congress passed the Navajo Community College Act of 1971, the Navajo Community College Assistance Act of 1978 and the Navajo Nation Higher Education Act of 2008, which collectively provide for maintenance, operation and construction funding for Diné College; and

Whereas, Representative Ann Kirkpatrick from Arizona introduced the Diné College Act of 2015 "to fulfill the United States Government's Trust responsibility to serve the higher education needs of the Navajo people and to clarify, unify, and modernize prior Diné College Legislation"; and Diné College has asked Senator Jeff Flake from Arizona to introduce a Senate Companion Bill: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico, That the State of New Mexico stand in support of the passage of the Diné College Act of 2015 and urge the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to work to ensure its passage into Federal Law; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be transmitted to the Secretary of Higher Education, the Governor, the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate and the President of the United States.

POM-140. A petition by a citizen from the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to enact legislation that would require that an autopsy be conducted, and the results thereof be made public, whenever a still-serving President, Vice President, Member of Congress, Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, or any Judge of any Federal Court dies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1336. A bill to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-235).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2750. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to extend and modify certain charitable tax provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2751. A bill to create a pilot program permitting businesses receiving Phase II awards under the SBIR program to use not more than 5 percent of the amount of the award for commercialization-related services; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. KIRK):

S. 2752. A bill to prohibit the facilitation of certain financial transactions involving the Government of Iran or Iranian persons and to impose sanctions with respect to the facilitation of those transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2753. A bill to amend title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2754. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Fannin Street in Shreveport, Louisiana, as the "Tom Stagg Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. UDALL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. KING):

S. 2755. A bill to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of firefighters, law enforcement officers, members of rescue squads or ambulance crews, and public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 2756. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to Iranian persons responsible for knowingly engaging in significant activities undermining cybersecurity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 2757. A bill to prohibit certain transactions with Iran and to impose sanctions with respect to foreign financial institutions that facilitate such transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. Res. 414. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the actions, including the reapplication of waived nuclear-related sanctions, that the United States should undertake in the event of an Iranian violation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. Res. 415. A resolution congratulating the 2016 national champions, the Villanova Wildcats, for their win in the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's